

also had the opportunity to hear Vice President KAMALA HARRIS not be quiet.

When we talk about the Congressional Black Caucus, let me say thank you to Vice President KAMALA HARRIS, a former member of the Congressional Black Caucus. I thank Vice President HARRIS for leading by example, getting out there and fighting for our democracy and making sure that this is good for America.

As we talk about breaking news and not being quiet and women—Black women—taking leadership roles, it gives me great pleasure to introduce and yield to our newest member of the Congressional Black Caucus. She is someone who comes with a lot of leadership, talent, and skills. It is a double honor for me because she represents the great State of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is always good when you have a partner, so to be able to have a partner in Ohio's 11th District gives me great honor. The gentlewoman is someone who works hard, fights for her community, and understands the value of Build Back Better and what it will do with this once-in-a-generation action, transformational legislation.

Madam Speaker, that person I am talking about, my friend, my colleague, and my partner is none other than Congresswoman SHONTEL BROWN.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN).

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, for her remarks; Congresswoman BRENDA LAWRENCE; and my leader, my friend, my sister, and my mentor who is the chairwoman of the CBC, JOYCE BEATTY.

As I rise to make my first CBC Special Order hour speech, I would first like to thank my esteemed Congressional Black Caucus colleagues for welcoming me with open arms after I was sworn in as their newest member days ago; for playing a critical role getting the bipartisan infrastructure bill across the finish line, and for shining the spotlight today on another critical piece of the President's agenda, the Build Back Better Act.

Madam Speaker, the Congressional Black Caucus is often called the conscience of the Congress for good reason. The bipartisan infrastructure bill signed into law today by President Biden is a historic win for our economy, our communities, and the people of my district and from across this Nation.

Its provisions, from rebuilding our roads and bridges to expanding broadband access and ensuring every person has access to safe drinking water, are supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans. That is why politicians have talked about getting infrastructure done for years. But today, with critical support from the CBC, we are delivering results—real results—for the people.

But our work does not end there. We know the many challenges that have

been holding families and our economy back for generations: high healthcare costs, lack of access to affordable childcare, rising prescription drug prices, students locked out of higher education opportunities, and shameful increases in food and housing insecurity. We know that Black communities have been disproportionately impacted by these many challenges for far too long.

The answer to these challenges is not just more failed tax giveaways for huge corporations. The answer is to make investments in families to improve their lives, boost their paychecks, and lower their kitchen table costs.

The Build Back Better Act delivers desperately needed action to tackle these challenges and lower the everyday costs that burden working families. It lowers healthcare costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug costs for seniors and expanding the ACA to bring down rising premiums. It provides universal preschool for all 3- to 4-year-olds giving every student a chance to have a head start. It expands access to higher education by raising the maximum Pell grant and making large investments in HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions. It includes critical provisions to ensure no child goes hungry and every American has a roof over their head.

Our task now is to pass a bill that reflects the President's agenda and our values: to promote equity, to ensure everyone has the opportunity to find a good-paying job, and to put money back in the pockets of American families by lowering the costs of living. Together with the bipartisan infrastructure bill, the Build Back Better agenda is going to create millions of jobs, reduce poverty, and rebuild the backbone of our country—the middle class. This is what delivering for the American people looks like.

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, as we bring this hour to a close, let me again thank our newest member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congresswoman SHONTEL BROWN for her words.

Let me conclude tonight's Special Order hour by saying to America: The Congressional Black Caucus will continue to lead and to take bold, decisive actions to build back better by passing the Build Back Better Act. We heard that it will create more housing, it will furnish jobs, and it will also finish the job of the Affordable Care Act. It will provide a Medicaid coverage gap, and it will also provide funding, as you have heard, Madam Speaker, for HBCUs and helping families in need, giving them a tax cut, as Congresswoman BROWN just highlighted for us, with the child tax credit to help ensure Americans' global competitiveness for the 21st century and unleashing the full potential of America's workers and families to thrive in the communities that we represent, especially those 17 million Americans represented by the Congressional Black Caucus. There are 17 million Black Americans, and then we look at some 80 million Americans.

So with that, tonight we bring to it to a close, but we will not be quiet.

It gives me great pleasure, Madam Speaker, to say thank you for letting us host the first hour on Build Back Better. Our power, our message, the Congressional Black Caucus.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous materials on the subject of this Special Order hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2649. A letter from the Amery Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Manufacture, Sale, Wear, and Quality Control of Heraldic Items [Docket ID: USA-2018-HQ-00160] (RIN: 0702-AA70) received November 4, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2650. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Termination of Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Lead Acetate [Docket No. FDA-2017-C-1951] received November 1, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2651. A letter from the Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's interim final rule — Access to Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) for Employees of Certain Tribally Controlled Schools (RIN: 3206-AO18) received September 28, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-2652. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0263; Project Identifier AD-2020-01702-T; Amendment 39-21710; AD 2021-18-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received October 21, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.